

Creative Family Living

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Living with children can be a pleasure and a joy or the biggest headache in the world... it's all in your attitudes.

You look at family life through your attitudes... if they are out of focus, warped in some way, then this can throw your whole value system off. Your value system is made up of all the things that are important to you as an individual, the things that you feel contribute to your well-being in life.

CHILD MUST EVOLVE OWN VALUES

As parents, you are apt to project your value system onto your child en toto and forget the fact that one day he must evolve in part his own value system, adapted to meet his needs, not yours. It is so easy to impose our own standards onto others... and how we resent it when someone does the same thing to us!

One mother, who was raised in a family atmosphere of disapproval and rejection, soon began to develop the attitude "nobody wants me." She felt left out and the need to prove herself. After marriage, when her child came along, was ready for neighborhood and school experience, she began to feel the importance of her child being accepted in his group.

CHILDHOOD IS 'UPS AND DOWNS'

We know the ups and downs that take place in a child's first relations with his group... the friendliest of pals one minute, the worst of enemies the next, and arm-in-arm the hour after.

However, this mother found it extremely difficult not to become emotionally upset over her child's rather normal developing of learning to give and take in a group. She expressed it this way, "they just don't want him."

"And how did you feel when you were a little girl?" the counselor asked. The mother looked up after a moment. "I guess I felt the same way about myself."

Of course it was important to her for her son to be accepted; she was still trying to prove herself. A normal phase of child development was a headache to her.

STAGES IN GROWTH

For example, around ages eight and nine, many youngsters go through this feeling of "everybody's against me." To hear them talk, you would be sure they hadn't a friend in the world! However, these are only momentary feelings and the child is soon able to get his perspective once again. Asking him to think of a time when he felt someone liked him often helps him to see things clearly.

WHO ARE "THEY"?

"They don't like me" needs to be made more specific. Ask the child who "they" are, and many a time after much hemming and hawing, "they" turns out to be the boy sitting next to him.

At about six, most children have the need to be first, to be the winner. Naturally not everyone can be first, and often six will come home with the "they don't like me" approach because he didn't win. He needs a mother who is going to be objective and unemotional about this incident if he is to grow into healthy group relationships.

The mother and father who understand their own attitudes will see why certain things are important to them in their children. However, our values should be healthy, objective, and realistic, not based on frustrated desires and needs.

WARPED ATTITUDES

Other illustrations of how warped attitudes can create unhealthy values would be... the parent who feels "It's all my fault," who accepts blame, may want her child to be "right" for her... the parent who feels himself a "failure" needs a son to make good grades... one who feels inadequate and imperfect inwardly may expect perfection from his child... one who was criticized feels the need to defend her child against others, etc.

Give yourself an emotional check-up. Just what is important to you? Why? Discover the hidden attitudes which may be causing you to expect too much of your child. Living with children is a joy when our attitudes are healthy, our values sound.

ANNOUNCE MEETING

South Bay Songwriters will meet at the Manhattan Community Church patio room every other Tuesday evening beginning Mar. 23 at 8 p.m., according to Helen Peterson, press chairman.

Y Announces 'Snap' Contest

Mrs. Alvin Hawkins has been named local chairman of the YWCA National Snapshot, to be held between Mar. 1 and Nov. 1 this year.

The contest will be a feature of the Centennial Observance and Celebration of the founding of the YWCA in the world in 1851. Mrs. O. R. C. Grow, area centennial chairman, said this week, entitled "The YWCA in Action," the contest is open to any amateur photographer among the women and girls in the continental United States and Hawaii.

There will be four classes in the contest picturing the YWCA in action: We Worship, We Serve, We Play, and We Learn. On the national level there will be individual prizes for the first, second, and third winners in each category and many awards. The four YWCA's whose contestants win a first prize will each receive a television set. No association will receive more than one prize.

Additional information may be obtained by calling your local YWCA.

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NEWEST LOOK IN HAIR STYLES... for spring is this pompadour hug-me-tight modeled by Jerie Whittecar. The small "pom" fluffs back, and side curls swirl to the front; the back is slightly waved and close to the neckline. (Kenneth E. Hayes photo)

Kiddie Fashion Show, Hair Style Display, Hat Contest Spark LDS Women's Party

Fashions in miniature, hair styles for spring, and novelty hats depicting hubby's profession took the spotlight Wednesday night when the Relief Society, women's organization of the Latter Day Saints Church, held a birthday party.

The local group was celebrating the birth in 1842 of the national organization; its existence here is less than a year old.

Kiddie fashions modeled by children of members were from Squire's Style Shoppe here and ranged from fluffy party costumes to beach and bedtime wear.

"All women of whatever age, rank, profession, or degree that shall betray man into matrimony by scents, paints, false teeth, iron stays, hoop skirts, and bolstered hips shall receive a sentence identical to the one meted out to practitioners of witchcraft, and such a marriage shall be null and void."

This was the decree set forth by King Charles XI in 1670. Mrs. Harold Guyton, 2149 W. 153rd St., were dubbed winners in a contest sponsored by the LDS Relief Society at its birthday celebration Wednesday night. Each woman designed her own hat to depict her husband's profession.

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THURSDAY Songwriters' Class Starts For Locals

Aspiring songwriters in the South Bay and nearby areas may enroll in a course in popular lyric writing beginning next Thursday, Mar. 25, and continuing for 10 weeks at Redondo Union High School.

The class will be held each Thursday night, from 7 to 10 o'clock in the Science building, room 106 A or B. Presented under the auspices of the University of California Extension, this is the only course of its kind being offered anywhere by an accredited university. It is the direct result of efforts of the South Bay Songwriters Club, who previously journeyed to Westwood for the class.

Through the offices of the Redondo Union Education Department arrangements were made for the University to hold the class in Redondo. According to Mrs. Joyce Hodge of Hermosa Beach, vice-president of the songwriters' group, the club's membership comes from Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, San Pedro, and other neighboring communities. It is felt that the establishing of this class will do much to stimulate further interest in songwriting as a pleasant hobby and possible profession among those in this area, Helen Peterson, press chairman, said.

The course consists of basic lectures by the instructor which stress analysis of lyrics and study of craft fundamentals, and workshop sessions which are designed to increase the writing skill and heighten the critical faculties of the students. In addition, there will be consultation periods during which the instructor and individual students can meet privately.

Class discussion will include such other topics of interest to songwriters as manuscript preparation, copyright, marketing, professional societies, and contracts. Further information may be obtained by calling the University of California Extension at BRadshaw 2-8181, ARiz. 3-0971, or FAirfax 8-4810.

Cards on Slate

Bridge, pinoche, and cards to will be the featured games next Tuesday, Mar. 23, when the American Legion Auxiliary holds a card party at the Legion Hall on Border Ave. Play will begin at 8 p.m., and prizes will be awarded for high scores in each game. Mrs. Marie Atwood is chairman for the event.



Dorothy Downing

and Fashion

Seize me while I shake the last few flakes of snow off my shoulders from last week-end at 3000 ft., and try to get warmed up to the idea of talking beach fashions...

With the sun 'n surf season just around the corner of our fashion calendar, now is the time milder's thoughts turn to how to dress, not undress, mind you, for the beach.

If the past season had not been kind to you, figure-wise, it's pleasant to know that the world renowned California swimsuit creators have. These masters of fine design have come up with a variety of clever styles that they created for the purpose of camouflaging any and all imperfections of the figure that might exist, and to do it prettily...

"Don't Go Near The Water" ... Until you have taken a long, critical look at your figure. And don't go near a sportswear department until you know what your figure problems are.

Remember, that a good looking suit on the counter is a good buy only if it improves your appearance.

However, if you are unsure of the type of line and silhouette that will do the most to enhance your figure, all hope is not lost. During the past few seasons, our intuitive designers and manufacturers have solved this problem by sending their own staff stylists to the stores to train the sales personnel on the various techniques of how to achieve the perfect fit in order to assure maximum comfort and flattery... In many cases, these experts remain in the department throughout the day to consult with the customer. This is a wonderful idea, and an opportunity which every woman who plans to buy a swimsuit should certainly take advantage. Within the next few weeks, most of the leading stores will announce the arrival of these swimsuit authorities. They will be in the departments for the sole purpose of helping you in every way they can. These gals have been "behind the scene" in the plants up until this time. They know why a suit was created, what to expect of the fabric, which style will best camouflage your less-than-perfect features, and the one that will emphasize your finer figure characteristics. Take advantage of their experience and "know-how"... ask them to help you with the selection of your new swimsuit wardrobe. You will find the time and effort spent rewarding.

Understand Yourself Theme Of New Teen-age Girl Class

A course designed to help adolescent girls understand themselves, their parents, and the privileges and responsibilities of dating is now being held at the Service Headquarters, 505 E. Compton Blvd., Leona Prudence, IWCA. Mrs. Beek specializes in press chairman, reported this week. The course will be held each Saturday from 11 to 2:30 p.m., and their parents.

What's the Easiest Way...

To drive a screw into hard wood!



Drill a hole slightly smaller than the screw diameter. Rub screw with soap. Using screw driver that fits slot in screw, turn slowly and firmly into place.

What's the Easiest Way...

To put your family bill-paying on a sound business basis?

Open a low-cost ThriftCheck account at this Bank. Then you can pay your bills the way big companies do—with checks bearing your own name printed. You have a record of all bills paid and your cancelled checks are legal proof of payment. Your name printed free on every check. ThriftCheck—no minimum balance, no charge for deposits, no monthly service charge.

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TRIM TWOSOME... La Marr Millett, 6, and his four-year-old sister, Mary Alleen, make a striking pair in street ensembles displayed during the kiddie fashion show at Wednesday night's birthday celebration of the Relief Society of the Latter Day Saints Church. Tots are children of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Millett, 4525 W. 158th St. (Kenneth E. Hayes photo)



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Soroptimists 259th Pl. PTA Receive Three Plans Tuesday New Members Breakfast

Three new members, Margaret Woolley and Lavilla McMillan of Torrance and Ethel Sawyer of Gardena, were received into membership of the Torrance Soroptimist Club at Tuesday's luncheon meeting at the Western Club Cafe.

Also welcomed at the session was a guest, Arvilla Carr. Herma Tillin addressed the group on employment problems and Catherine Henry gave a discussion of women in politics. Business during the opening of the Soroptimist Thrift Shop, 1410 W. 166th St., corner of 166th St. and Normandie Ave., was rock-bottom bad, it was reported.

The shop will continue to open each Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with hopes that business will increase, aiding the Soroptimists in obtaining funds for welfare projects.

ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Now visiting the N. P. Giaguintos at their 2228 Gramercy Ave. home are Mrs. Edwara Oberstaller and son Larry, of Tokyo, Japan. The Oberstallers were neighbors of the Giaguintos when the local family lived in Japan.

Past Resident Visits Here

A former resident of Torrance, Mrs. Louis Gourin of Crocker-Ton, Minn., now is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Laurence Derouin, 1230 Greenwood Ave. and Mrs. Francis Derouin of Harbor City.